

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

118th Annual Meeting, 22 May 1991

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Knapp, President, at 1:00 PM in the Waldo Schmitt Room, National Museum of Natural History.

Mike Vecchione, Treasurer, presented his report. Income from dues in 1990 was approximately equal to that of 1989, and income from subscriptions, sales of past issues of the *Proceedings* and *Bulletins*, and page charges was substantially lower, however a number of outstanding invoices remained at the time of the report. Total income for the period of 1 May 1990–1 May 1991 was 77,272 and total expenditures were \$82,018. Mike indicated that the resulting deficit of \$4,746 would be more than compensated for with collection of the outstanding invoices. Finalization of the 1991 budget was delayed pending a decision by the Council on turning over address file maintenance and management of memberships and subscriptions to Allen Press or to a private accountant.

Brian Robbins, Editor, then presented his report. The four issues of Volume 103 of the *Proceedings* were published on 21 March, 28 June, 25 September, and 19 December 1991, containing a total of 90 papers and 984 pages. There has been a continued decrease in number of manuscripts submitted since the mid-1980's, and there is no current backlog.

The Index to Volumes 1–100 of the *Proceedings* (1880–1987) was published camera ready in 1990. In this regard, the following motion was passed: The Biological Society of Washington, at its annual Meeting on 22 May 1991, acknowledges, with appreciation and thanks, the monumental efforts of Phyllis Spangler, for the organization and preparation of the 100 Volume Index of the *Proceedings* published in 1990.

A motion was passed for the President to appoint an ad-hoc committee to investigate the continuing downtrend in memberships over the past several years and identify possible means to reverse it.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned; Les adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
G. David Johnson
Secretary